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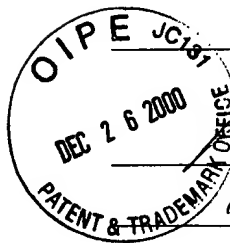
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Our Case No.10200/82

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Artur E. Balasinski et al.

Serial No. 09/608,158

Filing Date: June 30, 2000

For SCHEME FOR IMPROVING THE
PREDICTABILITY AND/OR
RELIABILITY OF
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC IMAGES

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit No. 2721

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be accepted without a Declaration signed by one of the joint inventors, Keeho E. Kim, who cannot be found or reached after diligent effort. In support of this petition are included those items specified under M.P.E.P. § 409 (a): (A) a Declaration of all available joint inventors on their own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor; (B) proof that the nonsigning inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort (included as Exhibits

A, B, C and D); and the last known address of the nonsigning joint inventor. In support of this petition, I, Paul E. Rauch, hereby state the following facts regarding the above-identified application:

1. I am registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
2. One of the joint inventors of the above-identified application, Keeho E. Kim, cannot be found or reached after diligent effort.
3. On June 27, 2000, I sent a letter by Federal Express, along with a copy of the application, a blank Assignment, and a blank Declaration, as well as a return Federal Express envelope, to Keeho E. Kim at his last known address. A copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of a report from Federal Express indicating that this letter was delivered on June 28, 2000, at the last known address of Keeho E. Kim, is attached as Exhibit B.
4. On October 16, 2000, I asked my secretary, Michelle Hoffman, to call the telephone directory information for San Jose, California and obtain all phone numbers for any Keeho Kim or K. Kim. She obtained four numbers and tried calling all four. Two of the numbers were disconnected, one gave no answer, and the last reached an answering machine where a request to call back was left. A copy of an e-mail from my secretary indicating that the calls were made and that Keeho E. Kim was not reached, is attached as Exhibit C.
5. On October 18, 2000, I sent a letter by U.S. Mail, along with a copy of the application, a blank Assignment, and a blank Declaration, as well as a return Federal Express envelope, to Keeho E. Kim at his last known address. U.S. Mail was used in the hope that if Keeho E. Kim had moved, he had left a forwarding address with the U.S. Postal Service. A copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit D.
6. As of December 20, 2000, I have received no response whatsoever from Keeho E. Kim.
7. The last known address of the joint inventor Keeho E. Kim is:

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San Jose, CA 95134
8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;

and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 21, 2000



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